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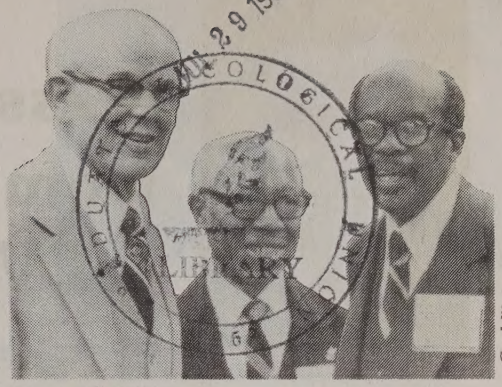

Carl Fisher

Three UCBWM Africa secretaries, from left: Dr. John Reuling, Dr. Chester Marcus, and Dr. Richard Stenhouse. Story on page 3.

Nine Women from Overseas Named For Ministry in U.S.

Mrs. Christobella Bagh is stewardship director of the Church of North India. . . . Mrs. Vida Dzobo is assistant director of Basic Education for the Ho District of Ghana. . . . Mrs. Edelmira Navarro is director of Christian education at the Silliman University Church in the Philippines.

These three are among nine Christian women from six countries who will be embarking on a ministry in the United States beginning in September, 1982.

A project of Family Thank Offering organized by the UCBWM's Division of Overseas Personnel, "Women and World" will bring women leaders of third-world churches to UCC conferences, associations, and churches for periods of six months to a year. It will introduce American church people to the position and role of women and to issues of faith and society in nations vastly different from our own. And it will link Christian women from abroad to those here in the common goals they strive toward in both church and society.

Nine women of a projected 12 have been appointed so far. If they are going to be in your area, make your plans now to invite them to your church and to set up a program for them. Listed alphabetically here are names and assignments:

Mrs. Christobella Bagh, stewardship director of the Church of North India, for nine months in the Missouri Conference in cooperation with Eden Theological Seminary.

Miss Suguna Devashundaran, acting general secretary of the Women's Fellowship of the Church of South India, for six months in the University Congregational Church UCC, Seattle, in cooperation with the Washington-North Idaho Conference.

Mrs. Vida Dzobo, assistant director of Basic Education for the Ho District, Ghana, and wife of the Moderator of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana, for six months in the Iowa Conference.

Miss Mary Elias, headmistress of the junior school (K-7) of Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai, Sri Lanka and a member of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South

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Church Leaders Arrested In Philippines

At least 30 persons have been arrested and detained without charge by the Philippines military since the beginning of 1982, allegedly on suspicion of involvement with underground groups in the Philippines. According to both Amnesty International and the Church Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines, many of them have been tortured.

Among those arrested are several leaders of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines: Ms. Violeta Marasigan, Home and Family Life Director; Ms. Laura Ocampo, Human Rights staff person; Ms. Liddy Nacpil and Ms. Avelina Enrile of the Student Christian Movement; and Rev. Abe de Leon, Youth and Student Work secretary. Arrested in late April is Fr. Edicio de la Torre, a Roman Catholic priest of the Society of the Divine Word and an outspoken critic of the martial law regime.

Messages of protest from around the world, including many from the UCBWM and other religious groups, have helped make it possible for prisoners to be visited by family and counsel, to receive medical

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Message from the EVP

On November 20, 1979, I received a letter which began in this way: "May I introduce myself? I am John Hersey, son of Roscoe M. Hersey, who was a YMCA secretary in Tientsin, China, from 1905 to 1925. I am a novelist and journalist, author of *A Bell for Adano, Hiroshima, The Wall, A Single Pebble,* and other works . . .

"Presently I am engaged in writing a fictional biography of a missionary in China . . . I have canvassed the materials in the papers of the American Board of Commissioners at the Houghton Library at Harvard University, and the purpose of this letter is to ask for permission to have access to papers in that collection of years after 1939."

That novel is still in the making, but in the May 1982 issues of *The New Yorker* there appears a four-part narrative of Hersey's pilgrimage back to Tientsin to revisit the scenes of his childhood. Early in the second installment Hersey indicates that one purpose of his visit was to discover "whether my parents' lives had been worth living."

What, one wonders, makes a missionary life—or any life—worth living? What would make it *not* worth living?

I suppose that one characteristic of a life worth living is the amount of sheer satisfaction that it experiences. As I discovered in 1948, Tientsin is not the most inviting place to live. I remember asking myself as I bicycled against a frigid winter wind from Mongolia that filled my lungs and hair with dust, "What in the world am I doing here?"

But a missionary in Tientsin could have many satisfactions. He could learn to use the strange, beautiful, frustrating Chinese language with its intricate tonalities. She could live in many worlds, the worlds of the British, French, Russian, and other concessions surrounded by the Chinese city. Students blossomed. The church ministered to deep needs. After the winter dust came the lotus flowers of summer and the persimmons of fall. There were many friendships, sometimes celebrated in a feast climaxed by a delicious confection of ground chestnuts—a transcendent kind of "dust" held in a little "Peking Wall" of candied fruits.

But above all the Herseys must have known the persistent feeling of satisfaction that as Christian missionaries they were making a difference in the life of humanity. The *Far Eastern Economic Review* recently called Christianity "the most influential" of all the religions which have tried to shape the Chinese world.

That influence was won through endless frustrations and a certain amount of danger. In 1870 there was a gruesome Tientsin massacre of missionaries. Hersey's father was invalided home by the encephalitis he caught while taking relief supplies to famine victims by mule cart.

One year Hersey's mother taught English at Nankai Middle School to a boy named Chou En-lai. The author wonders what effect his mother's remarkable serenity and grace had to do with the development of the most humane and farsighted of the men who brought today's China into being. Mrs. Hersey was pregnant with John that year. Now 68 years later that child loves to think that he was there in that portentous classroom. In saying that, I suspect he is answering his own question about whether his parents' lives were worth living.

David M. Stowe

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care, and to be granted the right to habeas corpus.

The National Council of Churches in the Philippines urges that messages of protest and concern (cables, telegrams, mailgrams, letters) continue to be sent to government officials of both the U.S. and the Philippines. The writer should do three things:

1) press officials of the Philippines government to explain how, in light of continuing reports of military arrests, torture, and protests by hunger strike, it can be claimed that the human rights situation has improved;

2) protest insinuations that the National Council of Churches in the Philippines is linked with subversive groups;

3) urge that all detainees be granted full legal, constitutional, and human rights.

Protests may be sent to:

President Ferdinand Marcos
Malacanang Palace
Manila, Philippines

Minister Juan Ponce Enrile
Minister of National Defense
Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City
Metro Manila
Philippines

Major General Fabian Ver
Chief of staff of Armed Forces
Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City
Metro Manila
Philippines

Send copies of communications to:

Eduardo Z. Romualdez, Ambassador
Philippines Embassy
1617 Massachusetts. Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Elliott Abrams
Bureau of Human Rights
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Chester Marcus Retires

After 20 years of service with the United Church Board for World Ministries, Chester L. Marcus has retired as regional secretary for Africa. Dr. Marcus was honored at a banquet held during the February meeting of the UCBWM Board of Directors in New York. In the picture above he is shown receiving a gift from his wife Dorothy, as UCBWM director Lucius J. May looks on.

At the banquet, missionary Larry Gilley, who works in Swaziland, expressed the gratitude of all the African missionaries for the support and understanding given them by Dr. Marcus. "Carol and I were the first missionaries commissioned for Africa after Chester Marcus became Africa secretary," said Larry. "He and we began together at a challenging and difficult time when Africa and the African church and our mission in Africa were in the midst of profound change. As we struggled with the problems of change, Chester's support was always there and always important to us."

Prior to his appointment to the Board position in 1962, Dr. Marcus was secretary for racial and cultural relations of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and subsequently of the UCC's Council for Christian Social Action. He also served as a missionary to Ghana, teaching in a secondary school in Ho and at the Peki Theological Seminary and managing the Evangelical Hospital in Adidome.

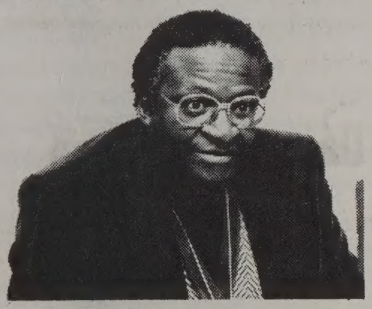
Dr. Marcus has asked that we express here his thanks to the many, many friends who sent gifts, letters, and cards to make his retirement a joyful time. In return we say thanks to him for 20 years of generous, devoted service, not merely to the Board and the United Church of Christ but to the peoples and churches of Africa.

Richard Stenhouse Becomes Africa Secretary

Succeeding Dr. Marcus as the UCBWM's regional secretary for Africa is Dr. Richard Stenhouse, who has been serving since 1978 as associate secretary and is already well known in the UCC.

Dr. Stenhouse graduated from William Penn College and holds a sheaf of graduate degrees: M.A. from Haverford College, M.Div from Union Theological Seminary, and Ph.D. from the University of Denver. An ordained minister of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., he has served, as Chester Marcus did, at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Seminary in Peki, Ghana.

Pictured on page 1 are three generations of UCBWM Africa secretaries: Dr. John Reuling, who served from 1945 to 1962; Dr. Marcus, and Dr. Stenhouse.



BISHOP TUTU SPEAKS OUT

"I have said and will continue to say that we have a situation [in South Africa] where black family life is destroyed, not by accident but by deliberate government policy. . . . God's children are being made to starve, not by accident but by deliberate government policy. I will dedicate whatever resources I have to dismantling this inhuman policy. . . .

"The churches have got to be like their Lord and Master. They must be on the side of the voiceless, the oppressed, the poor. In the Bible we see God's bias in favor of the discarded ones, the marginalized. When the church takes this side, it suffers, but this suffering is the mark of an authentic church, a church for the Gospel's sake—for justice, compassion, caring, and sharing—for the Kingdom of God." *Desmond Tutu, Anglican Bishop and General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches)*

Inanda Seminary In Precarious Spot

Since its founding 113 years ago, Inanda Seminary in South Africa has played a unique role in the liberation and training of black African women. Today in the land of apartheid, it continues to hold a special and honored place under the leadership of Mrs. Constance Khoza, the first black African woman to be principal. Inanda's enrollment has increased to 419 students, the highest in history. Its graduates go on to become nurses, teachers, social workers, doctors, and community leaders.

However, the South African government is determined to discredit Inanda and to force its closing for lack of financial support from overseas mission bodies. The school needs $150,000 annually to assure its continuing independence as a multi-racial institution set in the midst of apartheid. The board is committed to helping find this sum, difficult though that will be.

Grace Robertson Dies in Japan

"Let the little children come unto me" is a fitting summary of the life of missionary Grace Marling Robertson, who retired from service on March 31 this year and died of cancer in a hospital at Kanazawa, Japan on May 6.

Grace's devotion to children and her deep desire that they might "come unto Jesus" was symbolized by the rows of primary school students in the front of the Hokuriku Gakuin High School auditorium at her memorial service. A second grade girl and a fifth grade boy paid eloquent tribute to their English teacher and principal, and the entire group sang in English "This is my Father's world" and "Jesus loves me, this I know."

Born into a family with missionary uncles and aunts in Rhodesia and Egypt, Grace Robertson followed their lead. After an eight-year stint of teaching in Wisconsin and Michigan, she enlisted in missionary service and went to Japan in 1950. There she began her career in the kindergarten teacher training program at Shoei Junior College in Kobe. In 1956 she joined the faculty of Hokuriku Gakuin in Kanazawa, where she spent the rest of her life, the last five years as principal of the elementary school. From this school she reached out to more than a dozen church-related kindergartens in the area, supervising student teaching. She also found time for writing, in cooperation with colleagues, three books, one of them on religious education and worship for kindergarten children that is widely used throughout Japan.

To honor Grace at the close of her career and to express the admiration and affection of Japanese Christians, the acting general secretary of the Council of Cooperation, Tomito Nozomu, traveled to Kanazawa to present her with a citation and gift on behalf of the Council and the Kyodan (United Church of Christ in Japan).

At her memorial service friends and colleagues paid tribute to her unfailing cheerfulness and graciousness, her love of flowers and all nature, her devotion to the church, and her incandescent faith. And they pointed out that her legacy of joy in living and faith in action goes on in all the lives she touched so deeply—in children, parents, teachers, and friends. Truly, as one fellow teacher said, Grace Robertson was a "rippana hito", a very special person.

(UCC missionary Alden Matthews of Tokyo and UCBWM Pacific regional secretary Paul Gregory have provided the material above.)

James and Kathleen O'Dea Appointed for Unique Mission

Every year thousands of tourists visit the Middle East, and most of them go—and come home—without understanding or even recognizing the Christian presence in the area. Most of them travel with package tours that scarcely touch the complexities of life in the region today.

The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC), an ecumenical partner of the UCC that embraces 22 Orthodox and Protestant churches, has been studying what role it might play in fostering educational travel to the Middle East—travel that goes beyond the usual visits to historical and religious sites; travel that includes experiences of the area's cultural traditions, of today's troubling political and social issues, and of the profound religious heritage expressed in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

To help in its study the MECC has requested the services of missionaries James and Kathleen O'Dea. The O'Deas met in Turkey, where both taught at the UCC-related Izmir and Tarsus schools. Now, after a furlough of study, they have left for the Middle East under joint appointment by the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Beginning in Jerusalem, the O'Deas will explore existing travel patterns and cultural and religious links with Jordan, the West Bank, Israel, and Egypt. Later, from a base in Beirut or Cyprus, they will study Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, and Cyprus.

Finally, they will hammer out recommendations regarding the role the MECC might undertake in educational travel and intercultural exchange both with Western nations and within the Middle East.

All this is far more than a ministry to tourists. It is an effort of the Middle Eastern churches to plant seeds of understanding and peace.

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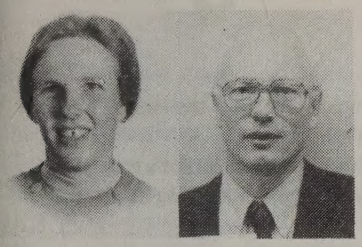
Missionaries' Notebook



INDONESIA

Recently arrived in Indonesia on a two-year assignment, **Anne and Tjaard Hommes** *share reflections on mission and missionaries:*

"On the books we are listed as missionaries. Often the word 'missionary' connotes making sacrifices of some sort. Many do indeed. It would be regrettable, however, if the fact were forgotten that missionaries are at least as much receivers as givers. After all, they are privileged guests in the host culture, sometimes invited but sometimes, regrettably, presenting themselves with claims *alien* to the community.

"Moreover, the fact that the hosts/hostesses, with endless patience and courtesy, are willing to welcome and educate one foreigner after another is something to be thankful about. They listen to us while we try to make conversation with our first-grade-level Indonesian. They forgive us if we start drinking our glass of tea before the customary sign of 'silahkan'—please drink.

"We, as 'ex-patriots,' are often big, conspicuous, imposing, and sometimes insensitive Westerners, whose kindness can express itself in a pa/maternalistic way. We try not to forget that we remain recipients of the graciousness of those into whose midst we have been 'missioned' or sent.

"Mission is mutual respect, support, trust, learning, and cooperatively serving a common Lord in different places in the world. The model of superiority-inferiority, so often associated with third-world development schemes, is wholly misplaced and misleading. Giving by loving, generous congregations back home is often based on a pietistic Christian Marshall plan model. Exposure and consciousness-raising is one way to start lifting the veil in order to see the grapes of mature third-world Christianity hanging abundantly in the valley of (coconut) milk and honey in Southeast Asia."

ZAMBIA

Fran and Robin Markham *are assigned by the United Church of Zambia to Family Farms, a resettlement project for small farmers. Before going to Zambia, Fran was often asked, "But what will you do?" Here is a partial answer:*

Every Monday I work at the Homecraft and Nutrition Center, a Catholic organization in Monze. Every Wednesday I work with the Women's Club of Kayuni, started with the help of my friend Miriam Mbusi, an extension worker from the Center.

The general committee of the Settlement, three leading farmers, helped us get off to a good start. They first met with the other husbands to convince them that they themselves would benefit from what their wives would learn. Then they assisted us in organizing the women by translating for me and offering good advice.

There is a total enrollment of 42 women with 30 or more attending each week. When we asked what they *wanted* to learn, their answer was, "*Everything* that both of you know." They chose to start with cooking. They baked scones in an outdoor oven, made small cornmeal pancakes, and did Navajo fry-bread! These they sold around the Settlement to raise money for the club to buy material for sewing.

While they are sewing with needles and thread, elastic, snaps, etc. from church women in Laguna Beach, California, Miriam often comes and discusses nutrition, health, or hygiene. Out of these discussions have come two more projects now in the planning stage:

About 15 women have expressed a desire to learn to read, so I am collecting literacy material and some books for a lending library. Also, we learned that out of 30 women only two have toilets at their homes, and these two are Family Farm employees. So Robin is working on a plan whereby Family Farms can offer to build latrines for farmers, for certainly sanitation goes hand-in-hand with a safe water supply to insure better health for the family.

JAPAN

Wenda Paton *and her husband* **Tom** *have lived and worked for many years in Japan, where the Christian population is a tiny percentage of the whole. Recently Wenda wrote about a lunch-time meeting at the Mejiro Church where each member, including the Patons, told why he or she was at this particular church.*

"The answers were very moving," says Wenda. "One woman lives in a very strong Buddhist family and for a long time has not dared to come to a Christian church. Now her goal for each week is to make it to the worship service on Sunday.

"An older woman, who had entered into an arranged marriage 40 years before, married a man who became an alcoholic and survived through the help of the WCTU.

"A medical doctor who has not been to church for 10 years has returned because Mejiro provides a meaningful renewal of his faith.

"Several people of all ages said they had graduated from the church kindergarten and that was important in their childhood growing period. Others said they had at-

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Urgent! Urgent!

Do you have secondary certification in English, math, or science? Do you have administrative experience in a high school? Are you adventurous enough to leave the U.S.A. and spend three years or more in Istanbul, Turkey? Are you committed to the Christian faith and the mission of the church?

If yes is your answer to all these questions, you may be the person the Board is urgently seeking to head the excellent 100-year-old Amerikan Kis Lisesi in Uskudar, Istanbul. For further information, see below.

In addition there are other openings in the three historic schools in Turkey to which the United Church of Christ is related. There are teaching positions in all the usual high school sciences—mathematics, physics, biology, chemistry; in English, spoken and written; in home economics and typing; in music. All require teachers with secondary-level certification and with a college major in the subject to be taught. Terms are for two years.

In many other nations of the world a variety of positions are opening up for work with national churches and programs:

— a campus minister or district church worker, Taiwan

— parish youth workers fluent in German, West Berlin

— a college professor of English and American literature, Japan (M.A. or Ph.D. required)

— a teacher of secondary-level math or science, South Africa

— a social research trainer to work with Muslim researchers at the master's degree level, Philippines

— a business manager for a tractor repair shop and well-drilling business, Togo

— an auto mechanics instructor for a vocational school, Honduras

If you can fill the slot . . .

If you are committed to the worldwide mission of the church . . .

If you are eager to work with Christians of other nations even in difficult circumstances . . .

THEN:

Write for further information to Rev. Elinor Galusha, Overseas Personnel Office, United Church Board for World Ministries, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115

Fellowships Awarded for Theological Study Overseas

In the fall of 1981, theological schools in the U.S. were alerted to a new fellowship program for a year of study in a seminary in Asia, Africa, Latin America, or the Middle East. This experimental program, sponsored by the United Church Board for World Ministries, aims to help prospective pastors broaden their understanding of the world church and of theological perspectives from other cultures.

Three fellowships will be awarded for each of three years, and the first recipients have now been chosen: Jennifer Russell of Bangor Seminary, Laurence Bakalian of Lancaster, and Scott Johnson of Eden.

Jennifer Russell will be accompanied to the United Theological College in Bangalore, India, by her husband Richard, who will study with her, and by their three daughters. Founded in 1910, the Bangalore seminary has long associations with the UCC, which has furnished many professors over the years. Jennifer is a member of Seattle's Prospect UCC and plans to return to the Pacific Northwest to minister in a rural parish.

Laurence Bakalian, who has completed his first year at Lancaster, will go to the Near East School of Theology in Beirut (NEST), an interdenominational Protestant seminary whose graduates serve churches throughout the Middle East. Larry is a member of the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church of Haverstown, Pennsylvania, and during his year at NEST he plans to conduct field work in a local Armenian community. He will be accompanied to Lebanon by his wife Maria, who was born and raised in Beirut.

The United Theological College located near Harare (formerly Salisbury), Zimbabwe, will be the scene of study for Scott Johnson next year. Scott is a member of the UCC in Wadsworth, Ohio. The theological college in Zimbabwe seeks to train pastors for rural areas of the country. Scott's present field work with the Urban Consortium in St. Louis will provide an interesting contrast to ministry in rural communities of a third-world nation just emerging from the devastation of a long civil war.

The Program for Theological Study in the Third World originated with the Council for Theological Students, a liaison organization that interprets the ministries of the UCBWM to 13 seminaries as well as interpreting seminary activity and thought to the UCBWM.

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tended a Christian school, and the daily chapel was a vital part of their Christian growth.

"Another man said he was there because a missionary had been his neighbor and had introduced him to the Christian faith.

"I said that what I liked about Mejiro was their strong emphasis on faith (30 minutes of Bible study after church each Sunday) and the fact that Mejiro has a minister who welcomes people with a variety of Christian theologies."

Peace and the Church's Investments

by Audrey C. Smock

At their February meeting the Directors of the United Church Board for World Ministries instructed the World Issues Office and the Finance and Investment Committee to explore with other agencies of the UCC adoption of a policy of **not investing** in the securities of corporations that:

1) contribute directly to nuclear or lethal biochemical weapons research, development, production, or management of facilities owned by the U.S. Government;

2) are among the 100 leading military contractors to the Department of Defense and are dependent on military contracts for more than 20 percent of their sales.

This vote of the UCBWM directors was motivated by a desire to make investment policy consistent with UCC priorities. In 1981 General Synod 13 of the United Church of Christ voted overwhelmingly that peace be one of two major priorities during the next four years, urging that:

- U.S. and world economic dependence on arms production be reversed;
- the arms race be reversed;
- the development and use of nuclear and biochemical weapons be recognized as completely contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Long before 1981, General Synod 6 in 1967 had stated a general policy on church investment: ". . . **social values and social justice ought to be given consideration** together with security and yield in the investment of funds held by religious organizations."

Two years later General Synod 7 established the Committee on Financial Investments (COFI), and the report of this body recommends shareholder activism as a primary method of reconciling social concerns and values with investments.

Shareholder Activism

"Shareholder activism" means constant advocacy efforts to change policy of companies in which the UCC Boards have investments, by means of letters, personal visits with corporate executives, public statements, and—as a last resort—the filing of shareholder actions. The issues may involve whatever is perceived, in the light of Christ's teaching, to involve the worldwide public good—justice, peace, the general welfare.

Going a step further, the Committee on Financial Investments recommends non-investment "in corporations whose products or practices they consider deleterious or harmful." Traditionally this has meant only tobacco and liquor producers, but COFI advocates broadening the policy in two instances:

1) when corporate practice seems in flagrant violation of Christian precepts and is little affected by shareholder activism, and

2) when public announcement by a church group that it would *not* purchase a certain stock, for given reasons, might have more impact.

A Faith Question

The situation facing the new Christian movement for peace and arms limitation seems to justify exclusion of investment in major weapons manufacturers on both counts.

Just as slavery was a central faith question for Christians in the 19th century, so the arms race and the prospect of nuclear war challenge contemporary Christians' understanding of the Gospel imperative. But shareholder actions have so far been powerless to change corporate policies in regard to weapons manufacture. Indeed, in 1981 only two of the 11 resolutions filed by church agencies on nuclear weapons production received a vote large enough to enable reintroduction at the 1982 annual shareholder meetings. Public announcement of non-investment might have considerably more impact.

Militarization and Justice

The dramatic trend toward militarization of the U.S. budget and foreign policy makes it doubly necessary for the church to speak out today and to make non-investment in major weapons producers a matter of conscience. Reagan administration proposals, if carried out, will effect the most dramatic shift in budget priorities away from social justice and welfare to the military since the Korean War. Moreover, the administration's strategic policies may significantly increase the prospect of nuclear war—endorsement of a policy of fighting a limited nuclear war, development of first-strike capacity, production of a new generation of weapons such as the MX, cruise, and Trident missiles. The UCC recognizes the need in today's world for well-trained and well-equipped defense forces, but still we must ask if present policy will deter the Soviets or will it rather increase their inclination, in time of crisis, to launch their own missiles first before they can be destroyed?

We must also consider the demand for social justice in nations of the third world in light of our arms policy. The present administration sees development through the prism of the U.S.-Soviet power struggle. It promotes arms sales abroad, bolsters authoritarian regimes, and re-allocates funds in the U.S. foreign aid budget for "security." But this policy undermines development efforts and thereby contributes to instability in many areas of the world.

The UCBWM in formulating guidelines for investment has attempted to reconcile the mandate of General Synod 13 that we become a "peace church" with principles of sound financial management. We lay them now before you and your church for study, discussion, prayer, and response.

(If you would like more detailed and complete information, please write to the World Issues Office of the UCBWM, of which Audrey Smock is secretary.)

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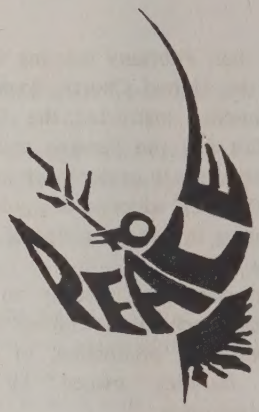

As this *Whole Earth Newsletter* goes to press, people of faith from all over the world, including busloads of UCC members in the United States, are converging on New York City to join on June 12 in a **MAJOR RALLY FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE.** Geared to the United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament (June 7 to July 9), the program for the faith communities includes an international religious convocation on June 11 at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine at which UCC president Avery Post will be one of the leaders. All through that night a prayer vigil will be held in front of the United Nations, with Yvonne Delk, head of the Office of Church and Society, leading the last hour. From there and other points in the city, participants will then march to Central Park in a massive demonstration *against* the escalating arms race and *for* new initiatives toward peace, justice, and the well-being of all humankind. The weekend outpouring of concern is only the beginning. Paraphrasing the words from Deuteronomy 30:19 that are the slogan for Christians that weekend, "Let us choose life, so that we and our children may live."

A vital corporate responsibility program does make a difference. In response to initiatives by the UCBWM World Issues Office, **SEARS ROEBUCK AND CO.** has agreed to the following policies for its new subsidiary, Dean Witter Reynolds: It will make no loans to the South African government nor to its agencies. It will not underwrite bonds of that government nor its agencies. And it will not market Krugerrands (the South African gold coin) until there is significant social and political change in South Africa.

Thirty years ago, in August 1981, **Mrs. Robert Gere** entered into a **GIFT ANNUITY CONTRACT** with the United Church Board for World Ministries. She gave the Board $1,500, and in return the Board promised to pay $70.50 per year to one of Mrs. Gere's friends. Over the years the friend received more than $2,000, a sum that considerably exceeded the original gift. Part of it was tax exempt. When the friend died in Feburary 1982, the Board was able, because of good investment, to send to Satara, India the sum of $7,247 to help build a new school. If, like Mrs. Gere, you have a mustard seed to plant, please get in touch with Rev. Myles Walburn, treasurer of the UCBWM, and he will help you begin.

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THE NEW HATCHERY AT TARSUS, TURKEY for the nationwide Poultry Project was inaugurated on April 30 and is currently hatching 60,000 day-old chicks per week. It will expand to produce 10 million chicks per year. This is part of a total project administered by the Development Foundation of Turkey (DFT) on behalf of the Turkish government, which has obtained a $20 million World Bank loan for the expansion of poultry production. The UCBWM has been related to the DFT since its beginning and has now advanced funds to purchase equipment for the expanding poultry project. DFT founder and director is Altan Z. Unver, graduate of the UCC-related Tarsus American School.

"BOOKS FOR ZIMBABWE" is a new special project to help rebuild the libraries of primary and secondary schools devastated by the long civil war in Zimbabwe. In the Mt. Selinda-Chikore area where the United Church of Christ has worked since 1893, there are approximately 50 schools that need our help. These are all rural schools, grades 1 through 8, where the 21,000 students speak little English. Yet, because there are many different languages within Zimbabwe, schooling is in English. Through our books we help these rural boys and girls overcome language problems and enable them to compete with more privileged urban students for the limited number of high school seats that are available.

The goal of "Books for Zimbabwe" is threefold: 1) to send out 10,000 books (new or in first class condition) by September 1983; 2) to obtain sets of encyclopaedias (*World Book* and *Child Craft*) for 50 Christian schools; 3) to enter a three-year subscription to *National Geographic* for each school. A kit of materials and a filmstrip will be ready for churches, church schools, and youth groups by September. The project is being coordinated by the UCC's partner church, the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe; by Mark Beckmeyer of the Southern Illinois Conference; and by the Africa secretary of the UCBWM, Richard Stenhouse. **For further information write the Africa Office, UCBWM, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115.**

The Directors of the United Church Board for World Ministries will meet at Pilgrim Church, Toledo, Ohio, from June 24 to 26, dates picked in order to celebrate the **25TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.** On Friday, June 25 (the actual anniversary date), the Northwest Ohio Association plans a major public meeting at First UCC, Toledo, to be climaxed by the sending out of three missionary couples: **Hulya and James Sowerwine** to Turkey, **Betty and Ken Frank** to Turkey, and **David and Sheila Doss** to Ghana.

"25 YEARS IN THE UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR WORLD MINISTRIES" is a new leaflet for this anniversary year. Available in quantity, it may be ordered from the Interpretation Office of the Board, whose address is above.

Something Happened

"What are you doing here in a theological college?" asked a member of the visiting Women's Fellowship from Ebeye after morning worship. "The last time I saw you, you were a gambling, drinking, fighting hell-raiser in Rongelap."

"Well," Ruton replied. "I became a Christian. One Sunday when Rev. Jacob was preaching, something happened. My relatives would hardly speak to me before, but now everything's different."

I told that story a few weeks later to 250 students and teachers at Rong-rong, the Marshall Islands Christian High School. One of the teachers talked to me after the service. "That story you told is like mine. I was an accountant working at the largest store here, making $200 every two-week pay period. I was throwing my money away, gambling, drinking every night. My wife would invite me to come to church. I'd say 'You're crazy, woman!'

"Then, visiting my home island one Sunday I went to church when Rev. Zacharias was preaching. Something happened. I never thought I would be teaching accounting at Rong-rong, making only $1,800 a year, but here I am. I didn't go to Christian schools. Can you help me with some Bible study books?"

So lives are changed. This was one of the marks of the early Christian church after the resurrection. So it continues to be the fruit of the seed of the Good News that is sown in the Marshalls!

(The writer, Dick Engstrom, and his wife Nan are UCC missionaries in Majuro, Marshall Islands.)

People of the Pacific Islands

"If North American Christians wish to work and witness with the Pacific Christians, it is of vital importance that they know the realities of the Pacific islands and come to grips with issues and challenges of the region as they commit themselves to God's call for a just and peaceful society. In order to do this, one has to know the people and the islands involved."

— Lorine Tevi
former general secretary
Pacific Conference of Churches

But how much do we in North America know of even the simplest facts about the "People of the Pacific Islands" who are the subject of the churches' interdenominational study for 1982-83?

— There are more than 20,000 islands in Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia not counting Hawaii and New Zealand.

— They are scattered over 29 million square miles of the Pacific Ocean.

— The population is roughly 4.7 million with an average growth rate of 2.6 percent per year.

— More than 1000 languages are spoken throughout the islands.

A good place to start studying facts such as these is with ***Map 'n Facts: Pacific Islands*** (ISBN 0-377-73004-1, $3.50)

This colorful 35" x 23" map of the Pacific and its myriad islands gets us oriented to a part of the world most of us know little about except from romantic travelogues. A few essential facts of history, politics, and religion establish a framework for further study.

Here are other recommended Friendship Press materials:

Pacific People Sing out Strong, William L. Coop, editor (ISBN 0-377-00118-X, $4.95)

In the last decade several new nations have been born in the Pacific, and more are on the way. This book shares the thoughts and words of Christian leaders who have helped shape the nations and who are now playing a role in the international scene. Some words are sharp, some are poignant. All are honest as they lay out the views of islanders on atomic testing, imperialism and exploitation, marriage, children born out of wedlock, missionaries, development, the church, and a host of other issues. *Pacific People Sing Out Strong* is basic to our year's study and to our understanding of the world church.

Come to My Place: Meet My Island Family, Stories compiled by Esiteri Kamikamica (ISBN 0-377-00121-X, $4.95)

This is a collection for children about the daily experiences of island families, with a sprinkling of myths and legends from this story-telling people.

To Live among the Stars: Christian Origins in Oceania, by John Garrett (ISBN 0-377-00123-6, $17.95, cloth, ISBN 2-8254-0692-9, $12.95, paper)

This book recounts the amazing story of early missionaries, Catholic and Protestant, the expansion of Christianity in the Pacific Islands, and the important role of the island people in evangelizing. It also deals with present-day realities in the islands. A solid background book for leaders and serious students. (Limited quantity. Order from Friendship Press, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115).

People of the Silver Sea, by Bill Matthews (ISBN 0-377-58320-0, $18.95) (a color filmstrip, 100 frames, with cassette, script guidance booklet, script and sound track for children, script and sound track for youth/adults.)

This filmstrip introduces us not only to the rich culture of the islands but to the conflict between that culture and today's modern ways, correcting our sun-baked vision of life in the Pacific. It also shows the great importance of faith in the people's lives.

Unless otherwise noted, all the materials listed above can be ordered, along with a complete Friendship Press catalog, from your religious resource center or from Friendship Press, P.O. Box 37844, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. Phone (513) 761-2100. Be sure to include ISBN code when you order.

INTRODUCING OUR COVER GIRL

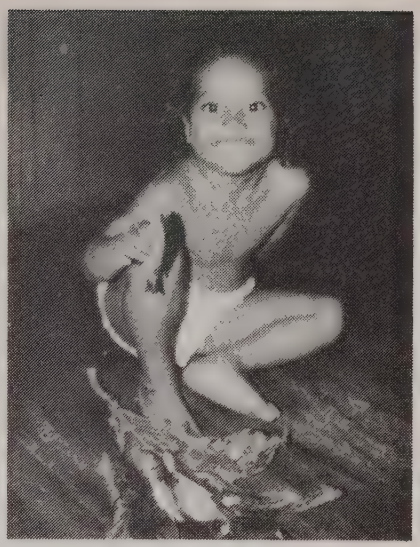
Gellena, who appears on the cover of the Board's new *Annual Report and Calendar of Prayer*, has just come in from an early-morning fishing adventure with her sister and cousins in the shallow tide. She is very proudly showing her catch to her parents as this picture is snapped.

Gellena is the daughter of Hanser and Tanseny Reynold of Nukuno village, Dublon Island, Truk. Hanser is minister of the very active and growing United Church of Christ in Nukuno and also principal of an elementary school housed on the church property. Both he and Tanseny are graduates of the UCBWM's Mizpah High School of Micronesia, Truk.

Photographer Elden Buck, former UCC missionary in Micronesia, tells us also about the sweet-faced woman surrounded by children who is pictured at the beginning of the Calendar of Prayer on page 30. Srue (pronounced "shrew-way") F. Skilling is 89 years old, and still today gathers the children of her village together in her yard each day after school to share Bible stories and teach them Christian choruses.

Srue is the widow of Rev. Frank Skilling. She was raised at the Board mission at Mwot, Kosrae, and has worked untiringly throughout her life on behalf of Christ and his church. For one period of her life, she and Frank served as missionaries from Kosrae to the people of Enewetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands. Srue Skilling, says Elden Buck, is one of the saints of God in Micronesia.

The third picture by Elden Buck in the *Annual Report* is that on page 10 showing two students at the Marshall Christian High School in Rongrong, Majuro, Marshall Islands, smiling through a classroom window.



Elden S. Buck

U.S. Handling of Micronesia Criticized

A coalition of religious organizations convened by the National Council of Churches testified in late May before the United Nations Trusteeship Council that the United States has not fulfilled its obligations to its Pacific Islands Trust Territory of Micronesia.

Speaking on behalf of the Focus on Micronesia Coalition, Dr. Paul Gregory, Pacific regional secretary of the United Church Board for World Ministries, told the Council: "[No] serious student of U.S.-Micronesian relations could conclude that the U.S. has fulfilled its obligations to promote the advancement of the people of Micronesia. In fact," he said, "the U.S. has contributed negatively."

A collection of 2,100 islands with about 130,000 inhabitants, Micronesia has been administered by the U.S. since World War II under the eye of the United Nations Trusteeship Council. The United Church Board for World Ministries began to be involved in Micronesia in 1852, as American and Hawaiian Christians combined efforts in mission.

In the Coalition's view, the U.S. trust has been abused, with provisions for the strategic interests of the U.S. taking precedence over provision for the political, social, economic, and educational advancement of the people of Micronesia. "The fruits of our negative contributions are evident today," Gregory testified, "in serious social problems such as unemployment, youth suicide, alcohol abuse, and violence. U.S. policy-makers wash their hands of any continuing responsibility to deal with these problems by saying that the Micronesians are now self-governing." But the Coalition charges that the U.S. has failed to help prepare the people for self-government.

Furthermore, the Coalition points out that the Trust Territory's economy is considered highly vulnerable and very dependent on the U.S. While leaving behind a legacy of unfulfilled social and economic obligations in Micronesia, the U.S. is not totally severing its ties but will retain its strategic interests and presence in the region. "To the degree that the U.S. fails to fulfill its obligations while guaranteeing its own interests," Gregory said, "the Focus on Micronesia Coalition and many others will consider that the U.S. has made a mockery of the United Nations Trusteeship Council's mandate."

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India, for eight months in three conferences: Southern (6 weeks), Southeast (6 weeks), and Hawaii (4 months).

Mrs. Purificacion Ignacio, secondary teacher from the Philippines and member of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, for 10 months in the New York Conference.

Mrs. Susan Mkwakwami, lay preacher in the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe, for eight months in the Southern California Conference.

Mrs. Edelmira Navarro, director of Christian education at Silliman University Church (United Church of Christ in the Philippines) for nine months in the Massachusetts Conference and one month in Rhode Island.

Mrs. Ennah Nsofu, elder, choir leader, and active member of her church (United Church of Zambia) in Kitwe for eight months in the Nebraska Conference.

Miss Ellen Segbefia, senior superintendent of the Zion Secondary School in Anloga, Ghana and member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana, for a year in the Connecticut Conference.

"Operation Peace for Galilee"

by Dale L. Bishop

(June 9, 1982: Printing of the Whole Earth Newsletter has been delayed so that UCC churches might have both an assessment of the situation in Lebanon and recommendations for action by UCC members. The author of the article below, Dale L. Bishop, Middle East secretary of the UCBWM, is in touch by cable and telex, insofar as that is possible, with UCC missionaries in Jerusalem and Beirut and with our partner ecumenical body, the Middle East Council of Churches. —Ed.)

On June 6 Israeli troops entered Lebanon with the stated intention of "pushing the Palestinians back" 25 miles. The invasion was preceded by two days of intense Israeli bombing. At this writing we have received reports from the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) of heavy civilian casualties in the first three days of fighting. On Saturday, June 5 two buses carrying Lebanese school children along the coastal highway between Sidon and Beirut were bombed, and 40 children were killed. MECC reports that six ambulances and two firetrucks have been destroyed in Beirut, and that many government warehouses containing foodstuffs have been the targets of Israeli attacks.

We have been unable to make direct contact with UCC missionaries Verne and Alice Fletcher in West Beirut but are assured they are safe. UCC missionaries James and Kathleen O'Dea, who had planned to work with the MECC in Beirut (see page 4), are now in Jerusalem, where they will stay until the situation in Lebanon is clarified.

Although the original pretext for the Israeli attack was the assassination attempt on Shlomo Argov, Israeli ambassador to the United Kingdom, it was clear for several months that Israel was planning to invade Lebanon with the intention of removing the Palestinians from southern Lebanon. This strategy, devised by General Ariel Sharon, Israeli Defense Minister, has as its aim the destruction of the P.L.O. infrastructure in Lebanon. Israeli advances to the outskirts of Beirut, and their efforts now underway to cut supply routes to the city via the Damascus road and the coastal highway, suggest an attempt to trap the Palestinians in Beirut and then to lay siege to the city.

Of immediate concern to us is the human suffering caused by this invasion. The Lebanese ambassador to the U.N. has stated that an entire country is being "literally murdered." Reports from Gabi Habib of the MECC and American observers just returned indicate extensive damage in Lebanese cities, large numbers of refugees on the move, and horrible unmet medical needs.

Church World Service is preparing to assist Lebanese and Palestinian victims of this latest tragedy. When Beirut is again accessible, supplies stockpiled in Cyprus can be moved into the country.

In the meantime we ask for your prayers for the people of Lebanon and for political action. "Peace for Galilee" means death in Lebanon. We are urging UCC members to write to their representatives in Congress expressing their outrage at Israel's use of American-supplied weapons in the "murder" of Lebanon. In the longer term we are asking that the churches join in a campaign to impose an arms freeze on the Middle East. Two major arms deals are in the offing: a sale of Hawk missiles to Jordan and a sale of 75 F-16 jets to Israel. Both these transactions could be vetoed by a two-thirds vote in either the House or Senate. Isn't it time that we stop heaping fuel on the Middle East tinder box?

Notes on War and Peacemaking

Missionary Robert Lodwick in Europe:

Attending the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom in mid-May was Robert Lodwick, European representative of the United Church of Christ and the Presbyterians. He reports that the Falklands/Malvinas crisis dominated the Assembly and that the debate showed a divided house—and the Christian dilemma.

As originally presented, the resolution on the Falklands/Malvinas included a recommendation "to take no further military initiatives." Argued and amended, these words were finally deleted. But, writes Bob Lodwick, "the strength of the resolution rests with pursuit of peace through diplomatic channels. I personally regret that the Assembly did not find it possible to give a clear repudiation of military intervention as some of its members and former moderators sought to do."

A Pastor in Argentina:

. . . in a letter to Gus Kuether, UCBWM interim secretary for Latin America:

"As I consider you our great friend, I am commenting as within the family the things that are a part of our life. One of these is the recent happening between Argentina and Great Britain. It is very painful for us, and we are all very concerned, but we are praying. We pray for a solution through dialogue so that peace can be obtained for both countries. Actually, the majority in this country were completely surprised by the warlike attitude of the two countries. This thing could produce World War III. We hope not. May God forbid it."

Required Reading

The Fate of the Earth, Jonathan Schell, New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1982, $11.95

This may be the definitive statement on the nuclear predicament, on its dimensions and shape. It is a description of what would happen if the existing 20,000 megatons of bombs (with more than a million times the explosive power of the Hiroshima bomb) should ever fall. It is measured consideration of human extinction. And it is a call to act, while we still can, so that our world will not end.

The Fate of the Earth is must reading for us all.

Memorial Chalice Presented By Japanese Church

On Palm Sunday, 1982, an unusual ceremony took place in the Seiko Church, South Kyoto, Japan, when a communion chalice was presented to the United Church Board for World Ministries in memory of missionaries William and Mary McKnight. Receiving the chalice on behalf of the Board, was Paul R. Gregory, UCBWM secretary for the Pacific Region. Pastor Ushiroku, who is also moderator of the United Church of Christ in Japan, made the presentation.

The chalice, specially created for this memorial occasion, was made by a master potter of Kyoto who is also a member of Seiko Church. Inscribed on the chalice in Japanese calligraphy are the words "God is love."

The McKnights, who died in 1960, came to Japan in 1920 as missionaries of the Christian Churches, which later merged with the Congregational Churches and are now part of the United Church of Christ, U.S.A. They were active in evangelism, established a rural center, and, after the war, taught at the Kwansei Gakuin and Doshisha seminaries. In the summer of 1948 Seiko Church was established under the leadership of Will McKnight and a Doshisha seminary student, Yasuro Enomoto, who later became a distinguished Christian leader in Japan.

Seiko's present pastor, Rev. Ushiroku, came to the church via the Seiko Nursery School, where he became a teacher in 1951. Sortly afterward he was baptized by Will McKnight, went on to seminary, and became pastor in 1963.

Chronicle

APPOINTMENTS

Ghana

David L. and Sheila T. Doss, staff of Peki Seminary, Peki. Team appointment, 3 years. Home church: First Cong'l Church UCC, Burbank, CA.

Marshall Islands

Selden C. and Dorothy M. Dickinson, Marshalls Theological College, Majuro. Volunteers, 8 months. Home church: Wayzata Community UCC, Wayzata, MN.

Nigeria

Mildred B. and Sheldon W. Williams, Dean of Agriculture (Sheldon), University of Calabar. Affiliates, 1 year. Home church: Community UCC, Champaign, IL.

Turkey

Elizabeth W. and Kenneth W. Frank, Amerikan Kis Lisesi, Izmir. Team appointment, 3 years. Home church: Advent Community UCC, Columbus, OH.

Carol A. Garn, Uskudar Amerikan Kiz Lisesi, Istanbul. Individual appointment, 3 years. Home church: First Cong. UCC, Boulder, CO.

F. Scott Anderson, Tarsus Amerikan Lisesi, Tarsus. Individual appointment, 3 years. Home church: Belmont United Methodist, Nashville, TN.

Hulya D. and James E. Sowerwine, Mission Office (Hulya) and Redhouse Press (James), Istanbul. Team appointment, 3 years. Home church: United Methodist, Clarkston, MI.

Alison J. Stendahl, Amerikan Kiz Lisesi, Izmir. Individual appointment, 3 years. Home church: University Cong. Church UCC, Seattle, WA.

FURLOUGHS

E. Richard and Nan L. Engstrom (Marshall Islands), 6 months beginning July.

Jeanne S. and Ronald S. Fujiyoshi (Japan), 1 year beginning July.

David C. and Padmasani Gallup (India), 7 months (David) beginning June and 10 months (Padmasani) beginning September.

Frances P. and Robin L. Markham (Zambia), 9 months beginning August.

Barbara D. and C. William Mensendiek (Japan), 9 months beginning July.

Johannes E. and Sylvia N. Meyer (Turkey), 3 months beginning June.

Blanche M. and Forrest H. Norris (Turkey), 3 months beginning June.

Mark C. and Virginia H. Thelin (Taiwan), 1 year beginning July.

REASSIGNMENTS

James and Kathleen S. O'Dea, to the Middle East Council of Churches, Beirut, Lebanon. Team appointment, 3 years.

Nancy M. and Richard W. Sales, to project in theological education by extension, Kitwe, Zambia. Team appointment, 4 years.

Frederick D. and Mary Alice Shepard, to the Ayia Napa Conference Center, Cyprus.

John S. and Karen J. Campbell-Nelson, to theological education work in Singapore and Western Malaysia.

RETURN TO FIELD

Dick V. and Marvel Jean Fagan, Philippines.

Carol C. and Lawrence C. Gilley, Swaziland.

COMPLETION OF TERM

Vivian E. Adzaku, Ghana (1974-1982)

Linda L. Barber, Japan (1977-1982)

Edwin T. and Roberta H. Doughty, Honduras (1981-1982)

Fern P. Ebertz, Philippines (1981-1982)

Mary-Beth Gilbertson, Botswana (1979-1982)

Doris W. Houser, Turkey (1981-1982)

Daniel B. and Susan S. Kasten, Japan (1976-1982)

Margaret M. and William F. Reitmeier, Mexico (1982)

Helen K. and Masayoshi Wakai, Japan (1980-1982)

Kenneth R. and Marian R. Ziebell, Cyprus (1968-1982)

LOSSES IN THE BOARD FAMILY

Theodore C. Braun, a missionary in Ghana (1963-1966), died in Pleasant Hill, Tennessee on June 4, 1982 at the age of 84.

Dr. and Mrs. Braun spent three years at the Peki Seminary, where they helped train lay leaders and ministers. This followed a long and distinguished career in the UCC both in the parish and on national staff. For 15 years Dr. Braun was assistant editor and editor of the E. and R. Church's *Messenger*. After the merger he became co-editor of the *United Church Herald*, where he served until 1963.

Dr. Braun is survived by his wife (Box 183, Pleasant Hill, TN 38578); by two sons, Rev. Theodore A. Braun (505 Orchard Dr., Carbondale, IL 62901) and Dr. Richard C. Braun (1012 Old Mail Rd., Crossville, TN 38555); and by several grandchildren.

Hale H. Cook, a missionary in India (1947-1965), died January 25, 1982 in Manchester, Tennessee at the age of 64.

Dr. Cook began work with the Marathi Mission in Wai, India, where he served as director of the mission hospital. Moving later to Vadala, he and his wife Margit became deeply involved in community health, developing programs for leprosy and tuberculosis control and family planning, and organizing a rehabilitation program for leprosy victims. During one furlough in the U.S., Dr. Cook served as medical consultant for the Board; during another he worked as a research associate in family planning at the Harvard School of Public Health. After leaving India in 1965 he taught community medicine at Temple University Medical School, later set up a general practice in Tennessee. Throughout his life his great concern was health care for the poor and for all those to whom it is usually unavailable.

Dr. Cook is survived by his wife Margit (507 Casey Ave., Manchester, TN 37355) and by four sons and two daughters.

Helen Wiley Dutton, a missionary in China and the Philippines (1919-1952), died in Pleasant Hill, Tennessee on April 14, 1982 at the age of 92.

Helen Dutton went to China in 1919 with her husband Philip and at once embarked on a career of teaching English, music, and home economics in schools for girls and women in Taiku, North China. She also taught English at the Union Theological Seminary and HwaNan Women's College in Foochow. Forced to leave China in 1950, the Duttons continued their career in the Philippines, where Mrs. Dutton taught English and church music at Silliman University.

Mrs. Dutton is survived by two sons, Col. (Ret'd.) Thomas C. Dutton (73 Club Valley Dr., Falmouth, MA 02536) and Capt. (Ret'd.) Frank W. Dutton (6057 Vaileya Ave., Twenty-Nine Palms, CA 92277).

Stephen P. Hieb, a missionary in India (1925-1938), died January 31, 1982 in Claremont, California at the age of 80.

Mr. Hieb was born in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), where his father was a YMCA secretary. He taught at Jaffna College in Ceylon until 1929, when he was transferred to the Marathi Mission in India. There he became manager of the Criminal Tribes Settlement program in Solapur, serving there until 1938.

After his return to the U.S., Mr. Hieb served parishes in South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Wisconsin until his retirement in 1968. His first wife Bertha died in 1975, and the following year he married Marie Fairbank, who also served in India.

Surviving besides Mrs. Hieb (665 Harrison Ave., Claremont, CA 91711) are two daughters, Mrs. R. H. Rhine (1300 Waterloo Ct., Riverside, CA 92506) and Mrs. M. D. Jameson.

Alicé E. Murphy, a missionary in North China, (1925-1944) died in Claremont, California on March 9, 1982 at the age of 81.

After graduating from Tabor College and the Kennedy School of Missions, Alice Murphy went to China, where she taught in Lintsing and Tehsien until 1941. Because of the war situation at that time, she returned to the United States where she went on speaking tours on behalf of the Board until 1944. After that she held various posts in the field of religious education until her retirement to Pilgrim Place in Claremont.

Miss Murphy is survived by a cousin, Miss Louise Torrence (545 Bradford Ct., Claremont, CA 91711).

Catherine B. Pedley Van Der Lei, a missionary in Japan (1926-1929), died April 15, 1982 at the age of 78.

Born in Japan, Mrs. Van Der Lei returned there for a brief term under the Board after her graduation from Mt. Holyoke College.

Norman L. Rice, missionary in South Africa (1925-1934), died on April 7, 1982 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 88.

Rev. Norman Rice and his wife Eunice worked with the Board for nine years in Adams and Mapumulo, South Africa. After returning to the U.S., they served UCC congregations in the Northwest. In 1981 both were invited to become members of the Samuel J. Mills Society in acknowledgement of their generous contributions to the Board through the years.

Mr. Rice is survived by his wife (Altenheim Community, 3525 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227) and by one son and three daughters.

Grace M. Robertson, a missionary in Japan (1950-1982), died on May 6, 1982 in Kanazawa, Japan. (See article about Miss Robertson on page 4.)

She is survived by two brothers, Alex F. Robertson (4228 Butterworth Pl., Washington, DC 20016) and David H. Robertson (3328 Somerset Pl., Marietta, GA 33067), and by a sister, Mrs. Bernard Alpert (1505 Burr Oak Rd., Homewood, IL 60430).

Bertha St. Clair, a missionary in China (1916-1941), died on April 1, 1982 at Claremont, California at the age of 91.

Mrs. St. Clair served the Board for 25 years in Foochow, Ingtain, and Ponasang. She also worked in Guadalajara, Mexico for six months in 1927 at the invitation of the Istituto Colon. Compelled to return to the U.S. in 1941 for reasons of health and because of the war situation, she officially withdrew from service with the Board. In 1947 she married the late Arther E. St. Clair, who also had been a missionary in Foochow.

John H. W. Schultz,a missionary in India (1921-1942) died in Penny Farms, Florida on January 30, 1982 at the age of 83.

A native of Missouri and a graduate of Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary, Mr. Schultz was commissioned as a missionary in 1921 by the Evangelical Synod of North America, a predecessor of the UCBWM. He was only 23 when he arrived with his wife Olivia in Baitalpur, Central India, to become superintendent of the Chandkuri Leprosy Homes. After his return to the U.S. in 1942, he held pastorates in Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri as well as serving for several years as a hospital administrator in Illinois.

Mr. Schultz is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Winifred Daussman (1425 Stein Rd., St. Louis, MO 63135) and a son Donald S. Schultz, who works in Ecuador.

Herbert C. Van Meter, former director and staff member and at the time of his death a corporate member of the UCBWM, died April 2, 1982 in Windsor, Vermont at the age of 67.

Dr. Van Meter began his career by teaching for eight years in China under the Oberlin-Shansi program of Oberlin College. He then served churches in San Mateo, California and Kent, Ohio before coming to the Board in 1967 to work as general secretary of the Division of Interpretation and Personnel. After leaving the Board in 1971 he served on the Rocky Mountain Conference staff as well as having pastorates in Montpelier and Windsor, Vermont.

Dr. Van Meter is survived by his wife Josephine (36 Ascutney St., Windsor, VT 05090), and by a son Thomas and a daughter, Mrs. Gretchen Lawton.

Matthew J. W. White, a missionry in the Philippines (1929-1935), died February 21, 1982 in Punta Gorda, Florida at the age of 82.

After returning from the Philippines, Dr. White had a medical and surgical practice in California for over 30 years. He also served in both World Wars. He is survived by his wife Rita (122 Maria Ct., Punta Gorda, FL 33950) and two sons, Nyack W. and Gordon O. White.

Mabel E. Wolsted, a missionary in India (1922-1936), died on March 5, 1982 in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the age of 89.

Mabel and Clarence Wolsted served with the Madura Mission in South India for 14 years which they later called "the best of our lives." The Wolsteds were forced to return to the U.S. in 1936 because of Mr. Wolsted's ill health. He recovered enough to serve in four pastorates, where both of them worked valiantly to raise consciousness about and commitment to the world mission of the church.

Mrs. Wolsted is survived by two children, Howard Wolsted (1304 Vacketta Drive N., Danville, IL 61832) and Mrs. Jean Tolbert (133 Hesketh St., Chevy Chase, MD 20015).

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Contrary to widespread rumor . . .

The Nestle Boycott Continues

Last March 16, the Nestle Company announced what appeared to be significant policy changes to bring its infant formula marketing practices into line with the code recommended in 1981 by the World Health Organization. The company stated that within the next year it would redesign and rewrite all printed educational material and product labels to conform with code principles, and it announced the formation of a Marketing Ethics Audit Commission to deal with complaints about trade practices.

The new guidelines were Nestle's effort to end the five-year boycott of its products and services by some 70 organizations in the U.S. that include many religious groups such as the United Church of Christ. These groups—which have now been joined in the boycott by the American Public Health Association representing 50,000 health professionals—are waiting to see how the guildelines will in practice be implemented.

Meanwhile, negotiations with the company continue, as does the boycott.

Post Declines Nestle Invitation

In early May, Avery D. Post, president of the United Church of Christ, declined an invitation from Nestle to become a member of its Marketing Ethics Audit Commission. After careful study and extensive consultation, Mr. Post decided that he could not accept that position until there was clarification on six points:

1) the countries in which the policy would be applied;

2) the Nestle products covered by the policy;

3) what is meant by "token" gifts to health workers;

4) the use of product brand names on educational material;

5) the giving of samples to health workers for use with their own children; and

6) Nestle's responsibility to inform mothers of the potential negative results from using breastmilk substitutes.

"As the Commission is charged to audit Nestle's practices against Nestle's policies, it is critical that the policy statement be clear and that it conform with the World Health Organization recommended Code," President Post stated. He also questioned the dependence of the Commission on the Nestle Company for funding, staff support, and information.

(You can help the cause of good nutrition for infants by supporting the boycott and by expressing your concern on this important issue to the Nestle Coordinating Center for Nutrition, Suite 750, 1900 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.)

International Symposium on Family Life Is Videotaped

Can a family be polygamous *and* Christian? . . . What are "Christian" values in family life? . . . How can Christians from abroad enrich family life in the United States? . . . Can the Family Life priority of the United Church of Christ provide useful and usable resources for partners overseas?

These are a few of the questions aired and argued at a consultation on family life held by the United Church Board for World Ministries in late January. Seven representatives from churches in Trinidad, Ghana, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Japan met with two former missionaries, a family life consultant, and regional staff members of the UCBWM to face together the challenges to family life throughout today's world and the disorientation caused by changing patterns of marriage, women's employment, and child-rearing.

Such stimulating exchange developed that several from the group were brought together a second time for the making of a videotape. This will be available by September through the World Issues Office of the UCBWM and UCC Conference Offices. Keep it in mind as you plan fall meetings in your church.